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THURSDAY, MORNING, FEBRUARY 2, 1905.

## KUROPATKIN TRIES TO CHECK JAPANESE TURNING MOVEMENT

Russian General Posts Strong Force to Prevent Oyama's Forces From Crossing Hun River.

## ARTILLERY FIGHT CONTINUES.

Mikado's Soldiers Repulse Muscovites at Chenchiehpao, Lapti, and Litajentan, While They Lose Yatzupao and Tataitzu.

St. Petersburg. Feb. 1.- From the reports of the General Staff, it is not clear | this afternoon at 5.21. yet whether the fighting on the Hun River is ended. The Russians continue the bombardment of Sandepas, and apparently a strong force of Russians is between Sande pas and Shaksepu to check the Japanese. who seem to be trying to use their former turning movement across the Hun River. Nothing further has been heard of the Russian movement against the Japanes

General Kuropatkin, telegraphing under date of January 39, says Sanderes wee that day set on fire by the Hassian artil-

THEIR OLD POSITIONS.

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Feb. 1.- The five days' battle on the Hun River has yielded no palpable result, both sides practically maintaining their former positions, though it is true that at a heavy cost the Russlans succeeded in driving the Japanese out of their advanced positions and repelling their flanking col-

The Russian cavalry proved extremely efficient. There is again a full in the 12. River Opened With Dynamite. campaign, and it is possible that military eperations will be suspended until the end f February

JAPANESE TAKE FOUR VILLAGES

Tokio, Feb 1 (Noons Field Marshall Oyama, reporting yesterday, says that the Russians bombarard bis center and right wing on January 20 and sent small be the of infantry to attack the Interese out posts, where they were reputsed. flercely shelled Pisental and Chembleh from the St Louis Workhouse after a des-

On January 3t the Russians at Chen-I mand Litary mines and two i Peltaltzu. The Japanese repulsed them. On January 30, two companies of Rus-

dan infantry unsuccessfully stracked Yatzupao, two miles northwest of Chetichiehpao, and two battallons of Russian infantry and a regiment of cavalry falled in an attack on Tutattzu. COLD GREATEST ENEMY

IN HUN RIVER BATTLE Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain,

Hun River, was fought out on a seemingly unending plain, which is broken only by southern Amethys! Mountains around Yental, the solitary eminence of which is the Liao-Yang tower of bloody memors. The bright glare of the sun rethered harbor-beat Mark Twain opened a pas-

painful to the eyes, and it was with difficulty that one could follow here and ; columns wavering skirmish thes dashing egainst what resembled dult grav reck out which in reality were the affiners of ladiatoun and Tanlepu, and the extensive hamlet of Sandepas hastished by Chinese defenses and converted by the japanese into veritable fortresses.

churian winter, the mounds of earth had and witness for the defense, cannot be so the steel sides of a modern buttleship. GUNNERS WEEP AT

IMPOTENCE OF ATTACK For five days Russian soldlers buried themselves against the defenses and field artillery pounded them until the frosty air reverberated with the thunder of cannon, the din of bursting shells and the rattle of muskerry, but neither steel point-

ed shell nor nickel builet availed against the frozen earthworks The gunners actually went with destrain at the impotence of the attack. Mortar but teries came up at a gallep in the hope of demolishing the fortifications. Night and day the stream of shells poured

against the earthworks, but it had very The mon seemed indifferent to hunger and cold, which latter was of Article

tensity. Their fingers, hands and feet were benumbed, while stiming snow and dust blinded them The slightest wound caused exerciating

pain. Warm blood no sooner expect from secrated flesh than it began to freeze. The unded could not be left exposed. or they did not receive attention within an mour they died.

The expense, their assistants and nurses were almost powerless in the bandaging thought that his promises will have a seconds, for they were obliged to wen cother gloves or mittens in order to te-

## MIRSKY'S RETIREMENT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

M. Durnovo, former Minister of Posts

and Telegraphs, becomes acting Minister of the Interior. Econom, seems most likely to be

Brigtopolk-Mireky's successor. MLD MAN OF BORNEO ACTIVE. Kills Eight Persons With a

Heavy Knife. Victoria, British Columbia, Feb. 1 - The so steamer Shinano, which arrived ught ness of a slaughter by a who ran amuck at a small team o ewinging a heavy knife. of eight persons and wounded

## SUMMARY OF

The St. Louis Republic February 2, 1905.

THE WEATHER.	
PORECAST. St. Louis and Vicinity. Continued cold to-day. Dorthwest winds	6 am. – 14 oboro
For Missouri-Feir to- day; warmer in porthwest portion; to-morrow fair	913
Yesterday's Conditions.	12 m. 15 "
eler readings yesterday, the foreignt that the mercury will drop to 6	3 pm 17 **
telem zero to day fe like- ly to be verified. The thermometer drupped	6 20
from 20 degrees at 5 p. m. to 2 at 3 a. m. A. ii-mile-an-hour wind blow	9 10
most of the day from the north. The maximum temperature was 64 and the minimum, 114, field	15 4
tive humbilly, 72 degrees at 7 a m, and 12 degrees	3 am 2

A cold reception is in store for the ground hog when he buts his now outside his winter domicile this morning. For the last two days the elements have been conspiring against the animal, and to-day the weather prophet promises the coldest day of the season.

He has planned to drop the mercury to 6 degrees below zero and to materials it in that position for the next twenty four hours. Unless some sombline accompanies the extreme frigidly, there will be little to induce the ground heir to remain out even long enough to see his shadow on the frozen earth. Six weeks more of winter are promised by the weather prophet should the little animal fall to see his

The moon times at \$ 18.

The Republic's "Want" Ads Will Be Found on Pages 10 and 11.

### FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

I. To Oust Republican Chairman. Russian Stantles.

Graft Charges Stir Illinois As sembly. Pre-Caucus Combine Against Kerens. Railroad Rates Split Republicans.

2. Hill Rudolph Appeals for Light. 3. Charter Backers Lose.

Democratic Primaries.

4. Hoth Houses Pass Sisters-House

5. Ratirond Rates Split Republicans

## WASHINGTON.

Democrats unmark the Republicans' position on the President's rate-control measure and force a fight on the whole White House programme in the Republican cau-PAGE 5

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. The police raided a clubroom and ar-

rested place hie players. "Hobeatl" Retily, killed in New York, On the same day heavy Russian guns was a noted plespocket, who once escaped perate battle with Policeman Eagan.

William E. Williams, a bachelor, was pao, advancing from the south and near his body in freezing apartments at No. March 4 by direct primaries. 2011 Wash street. PAGE 4.

jumped from and fell under a Market Central Committee at a meeting at the street car, being saved from death by a Jefferson Club.

PAGE 12 Democratic City Central Committee deelded upon direct primaries for March 4.

PAGE 1. The notion of the Republican City Cen-Feb. 1.—The five days' combat, which will Ital s'ommittee in asking that Jeptha D. so down in history as the battle of the I Howe, its hairman, resign is said to be an cohe of the senatorial fight. PAGE 1. "Bill" Rudolph, sentenced to die, made an appeal for lights in the cells in the PAGE 2

from a dazzling expanse of snow, was sageway in the ice along the west shore of the river. PAGE 12

With dynamite Captain Clooney of the

there black streaks marking the limstan locating Mrs. Mary Keller of Baltimore. The words spoken by a parrot aided in heir to the estate of Mrs. Mary Bach. PAGE 4.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Miss Ada Burks, the young Denver mil liner whom Doctor Watson is said to have that in St. Leuis soon after his wife's Exposed to the intense cold of a Man. I death, and who is considered an importbecome like granite and as impenetrable ; found in St. Paul, where she was last PAGE 2

Representative Conkling asks that the bill prohibiting State employes from contributing to campaign funds be reconsid ered and brewers included Representative Comerford who made

sensational charges against the Illinois Legislatute, goes to Chicago to obtain proof to substantiate his charges. Niederichaus loses two more votes-

Brown of Grundy and Whitaker of Hick ory going over to be belters. Both is me statements explaining action

Both houses of the Legislature pass the bill limiting the time of work of train crews to sixteen hours. The Senate amends the bill after a debate. PAGE 4.

### SPORT SEWS. Jockey Dickson piloted three winners a

Esset Park vesterday PAGE 8. H Stuart Muckenfuse predicts good season for the Cardinals.

Emperor Nicholas teceives a deputation of workingmen at his palace, and in persen promises to institute reforms It to good effect in St. Petersburg, Meanwhile liem J. Flynn, Thirteenth: John B. Wilthe strike continues to spread throughout Hams, Fourteenth: James Fleley, by Hussia, and extends to likutek and other

Testeriay's hank clearings were \$150.63 balances \$1.505.009 Local divenunt rates were St. Potersburg. Peb. 1.-The retirement between the and 5 per cent. Domestic exchange of Interior Minister Svinlopolk-Mirsky was suched as follows: New York, like premium was officially announced to-day, ill health | bid. 40 premium asked Chicago, the premium bit. its premium asked Cincinnati and New enth, and Andrew Sheridan, Twenty-Orleans, var bid, the premium asked, Louisville, he discount had per asked

Wheat closed lower at \$1.150 asked Max. \$1.15 alignan, former Governor General St. 3 No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at Cutt alignan, former Governor General St. asket Mar. 48844c No. 3 mixed. Outs loved at Muc asked. He No 2 mixed Sport notion was to higher to the local marust at The for midding

> MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSBIPS. New York, Pob. 1 -Arrived: Deuterbland and Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Tokuhama. Jan. 31.-Arrived previously:

Teneriffe Jan 3 - Sailed Rameses New York, Feb. 1. Sailed: Retterdam,

gurte and Baltic Livernool, Jan. 31 -Arrived: Paristan Accommodity, Feb. 1 -Arrived: Montening. Landon, Drb. 1 -Arrived: Mention

## YOUNG WOMAN IS LEADING FIGURE IN WATSON TRIAL



MISS ADA M. BURKS,

Mentioned in connection with the Doctor Watson murder case, and will, it is said,
be one of the witnesses for the defense.

## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD WILL TRY TO OUST DIRECT PRIMARIES

mittee When Nominees Will Be Chosen-Hawes Is in Favor of

companies of infantry attacked Chenchich- found dead with his faithful dog guarding for the spring election will be chosen

This decision, the first formal step in the

The question of direct primaries was the main issue before the committee. It was, in fact, the cause of the first preliminary fight with the Butler faction which opposed the plan. The committee believed that the abolition of the usual convention was in accord with popular sentiment, and by a vote of I to I adopt. Republican City Central. Committee for ed that plan of naming the ticket by direct vote, with the promise that oil candidates should get fair treatment. Three committeemen were absent

After the committee had transacted in Court of Appeals, who had been waiting in the corridors since & o'clock, was allowed to enter. He served fifteen mentbers with a writ of mandamus to prevent them from acting without John Me Carthy, the deposed committeeman from the " venty-fith Ward. This action was the result of legal proceedings brought by McCarthy as a test case Tuesday.

Although the City Central Committee's meeting was not executive, none but the members was present when Chalrman Louis Kunz of the Teath Ward called the session to order. The subject of direct primaries was brought up after the regular routine of roll call. Harry R. allow him to appear when they took up the primaries discussion.

When he was summoned from the mosting of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Club, which was in session downstairs. Mr. Hawes went before the committee to speak in favor of direct priwould approve of such action, with the senatorial race. aception of certain factionies.

gaining ground. You will find that only convention.

following voted for direct primaries: Andrew Speridan First Ward: Peter Walsh, Second, Joseph Donovan, Third Charles Bilhartz, Seventh, Peter Wagner, Eleventh: Charles Wenige, Twelfith, Will proxy, for Ed Crow Pifteenth; John J Burke, Sixteenth, Mathew Learnin, Eightcenth James L. Ranes, Nineteenth John J. O'Brien, by proxy for T. J. Ward. Twentieth, M J Midwibill, Twenty-first; L. B. Daly, Twenty second: Thomas, J. Buckley, Twenty-fourth, Patrick Comer. Twenty-elath, Patrick Gilt, Twenty-sev-

Michael Kinney of the Pourth Ward Joseph Heiderle of the Eighth and Thomas Quinn of the Seventeenth voted against firect primaries.

E. E. Gulon of the Sixth Ward John Joeney of the Twenty-third and James Haggerman of the Twenty-fifth were

absent.

The announcement was made that every member of the committee had picaged himself to assure every candidate equal privileges. According to the direct primary plan every candidate is entitled to a challenger at each polling place, and these representatives are allowed to stay until the latter are counted.

passed a resolution commending the ac-

March 4 Day Set by Central Com- Republican City Central Committee Asks Its Leader to Resign.

DECLARES HE WILL NOT QUIT.

Hastening to eatch a train a young girl campaign, was made last night by the City | Fight Said to Be Prompted by Activity That Has Proved Harmful to Niedringhaus in Contest.

> War that has been threatening in the three weeks has broken out and no longer is any attempt made to keep the bitter feeling under surface. The first outward sign was the request, signed by sixteen of the twenty-eight committeemen, to Chairman Jeptha D. Howe, to resign, of the City Central Committee, is in accordance with the constitution, which pro-

This action, taken at the last meeting vides that ten days' notice must be given an officer before he is removed. The first step is considered only the formal forerunner of the determined action which is cheduled for a week from to-morrow night, providing the chairman does not send in his resignation before then. Two more votes, however, will be necessary to crush the chairman.

The strife in the Republican organization is an echo of the senatorial fight at Jefferson City. Howe was one of the most active workers in the Medringhaus cam-Howes had requested that the members | paign, and it was stated yesterday afternoon by one of the unfriendly committeemen that his activity had done much to injure the caucus nomince.

The fight has other phases in which Howe is directly concerned. It is asserted by those opposed to him that he used the organization to defeat a Repubmaries. He said that the movement was lican official who sought reappointmen gaining in popularity throughout the count, by Governor Folk, and stood excellent try and that the Democrats of St. Louis | chances until Howe became active in the

"It is well known that Louis P. Aloe did The last Democratic mathemal platform | the Republican party invaluable service ontained a plank advocating the election | while he was on the Beard of Election Senators by dire t vote, and in other Commissioners," said a Republican yesterways dire t movements have been steady | day, who, although not on the City Central Committee, is closely connected with one faction of the Democratic party will lits inner workings. "We thought that Alor bolt. And they would have bolted any should be the candidate for reappointment way if they could not have controlled a land, besides having hundreds of recommendations, his petition was signed by When the question was put to a sofe the practically every member of the city Cen-

tral Committee. SENATORIAL FIGHT A FACTOR. At that time Mr. Aloe was not supportng Niedringhaus, sithough later, when the Republican State Chairman received the caucus nomination, no one worked harder for him than Louis Aine. The evident influence of Aloe for another candidate. owever, seemed to inflame flowe, and he. t is said, gut the City Central Committeetren to withdraw the petition for Aloe's reappointment and substitute the name of that Schnurmacher was appointed."

Evenis at Jefferson City have been factors in the present strained situation, and some sensational gossip was going the ounds yesterday about three committeemen and "changes of heart." The fight has been brewing for three

weeks. It was expected the first step toward removing Howe would be taken at least a week ago. The leaders, however, after many councils, decided to withhold action, so that it might not in any way reflect on the senatorial situation at Jefprivileges. According to the direct primary plan every candidate is entitled to a challenger at each polling place, and these representatives are allowed to stal until the ballets are counted.

The judges and circles of the primaries are selected by the Board of Bection Commissioners from a list furnished by the City Central Committee.

The lefterson Club Board of Directors passed a resolution commending the acfersion City and hurt the chances of

## COMERFORD GOES TO CHICAGO FOR PROOF OF HIS CHARGES

Illinois Legislator Arrested by Doorkeeper and Taken Before Investigating Committee - Asks for Time to Secure Witnesses -Stormy Scenes Enacted in House When He Seeks to Have Communication Read--Resolutions Proposed by McKinley Providing for Thorough Inquiry Adopted Unanimously

CHICAGO MEMBER SAYS HE MAY GO BEFORE GRAND JURY.

## **ASSERTS ALL CHARGES WERE** AGAINST FORMER ASSEMBLIES:

· REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 1.-The communication of Representative Comerford is

"The speech given such wide publicity by the press of Chicago is an extract from a lecture delivered before the Illinois College of Law, on Friday, January 27. Only part of the lecture had been printed. Some few inaccuracies are in the newspaper before me.

"Believing that the student body of the Illinois College of Law might with profit know the conditions under which laws are made in Springfield, I told . them it was my purpose to give them stories in common circulation at the Capitol; stories that came to me in bursts of confidence from the members of the Legislature, thus giving them the atmosphere in which laws have been

"I was lecturing to the students, and not making charges on the floor of this House. I reserve the right of my opinion, and I believe now, as I did then, . that the stories are true.

"I made no charges against the Forty-fourth General Assembly. It will be noticed that the first line of the quotation from my lecture said, 'After the Legislature is organized and ready for work,' and it has proved conclusively that . my references refer only to the Legislature of this State and before this session. "The Forty-fourth General Assembly is not organized and is not ready for • work. The full standing committees have not been appointed. With this appears the information.

"As I still believe the truth of the stories I related, I stand ready to meet . any action this House may see fit to take, and ready to meet any charges .

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Springfield, III., Feb. 1.-Shaking from center to circumference, the Illinois Leg-

center to circumference, the Illinois 12g-islature has not yet decided where it is "at" on the charge of wholesale bribery which was flung in its face yesterday by Representative Frank D. Comerford of the Second District, Chicago, and chairman of the Democratic Steering Committee of the House. Blinded with rage at the accusation

made before a law school in Chicago last week and published in a Chicago evening paper yesterday, the House came together this morning and the chaplain's "amen" had hardly been pronounced before Representative W. L. McKinley of Chicago who was directly charged with compiletty in the alleged bribing, was recognized for the introduction of a resolution denouncing Comertord and providing for an investigating committee of seven.

This committee, all new members, with the exception of McGoorty of Cook, who was in the House three sessions since. sat immediately after adjournment and ordered Comerford under House. He was brought before the committee and given until Monday next to prove his charges.

He departed for Chicago this afternoon to prepare his case, and threw down the gauntlet full and fair when he said that he would be back with absolute evidence of at least one of the charges, which refers to the present Legislature, and that he would not only completely defend his o the penttent ary.

## IS PREPARED TO

GO BEFORE GRAND JURY. He asserted that he had seen both the City Attorney of Springfield and the State Attorney of Sangamon County, and that he would be prepared to go before a speclai grand jury should one be summoned, or before the regular March Grand Jury.

and "do business After Comerford had gone, the committee began a secret session from which newspaper representatives were excluded, and this at a late hour had not closed. Subpernas were sent out for the two or three newspaper men who have evidence as to how the statement came to be printed. The inquisitorial body is in sea sion over at the Statehouse and guards police all avenues of entrance.

Most bitter is the feeling against the Chleage Representative who has assaulted the integrity of both House and Senate and most dire results are prophesied for the young man in case he does not make good. The most popular punishment sugested is immediate expulsion for him Democrate and Republicans seem united on such a proposition, and unless Comer-

ford absolutely proves his case it is tremely probable that his career as a statesman will be abruptly terminated. So angry were members of the House this morning that they would not listen to a lengthy explanation which Comerford had prepared, and endeavored to get into the record. Howls of "Object." himes and points of order and the determination of Spraker Shurtleff to confine him to a discussion of the McKinley resolution, which was being considered, drove him back into

## RESOLUTION REPUSED

PLACE IS JOUBSAL. laster he sent it to the Spraker's desk and it was read for the information of Dispute Arising From Business the House, but under points of order was refused a place in the journal. In the Statement he said that he had no epology to offer and stood by what had been attributed to him, and that at the proper time he would make those charges good, as far as the present House was con-

His point in this is that he will attempt to prove a case of bribery, involving certain members of the Democratic caucus. at the time of the fight for minority leader between Craig of Mattoon and Tipplt of Olney, in which McKinley of Cook afterward became the candidat , in place Benjamin Schnurmacher. The result was of Crate. This is the case which, he cialms, he will definitely establish.

The investigating Committee is composed as follows: Beebe of Cook (Rep.). chairman; McGoorty of Cook (Dem.), pital for treatment. Campbell of Edwards (Dem ). Williams of Williamson (Dem.). Kittleman of Cook | COMMISSIONERS ARE SWORM. (Rep.). Bunaker of Cook (Rep.), and Monrue of Cook (Rep.).

The scene in the House this morning was rather dramatic. Representative Mr-Kinley was so full of feeling that his voice quivered as he rose to present his resolution. It was as follows:

Whereas On Friday evening, the twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. 206, it is reported Frank D. Comerford, & member of the House of Representatives of the Porty-fourth General Assembly, delivered address in the presence of the faculty 4 students of the Illinois College of w. situated at No. 391 Eric street, Chi-"Whereas He is reported, during the de-

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Augustus W. Alexander Would Have Celebrated Golden Wedding Anniversary Soon-Once a Prominent Lawyer.

Augustus W. Alexander, who helped to found the St. Louis Public Library and who was one of the most prominent lawyers of the city a quarter of a century ago, died at 3:39 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness of thirty years, at the

age of 72 Services will be held over the body at I o'clock this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rufas A. Lewis, No. 434 Laclede avenue, and the body will then be taken to the city crematory and incinerated. The Reverend John W. Day. position, but would send the guilty party | pastor of the Church of the Messiah, will

Stricken with puresis while in his prime he dropped out of active life. During the long years that followed his friends and acquaintances tradually passed away, and now only the oldest lawyers can remem-

ber their former brilliant comrade. Mr. Alexander took an active part in the upbuilding of the Public Library and was one of those who helped select the first books bought for it. He was on its board for years and this was one of his most absorbing interests. As a writer and thinker he also left his mark upon the city, contributing largely to magazine

and papers of his time. Had he lived a few weeks longer he would have celebrated his golden wedding. which would fall on March 29. Mr. Aiexunder was born in Spring Valley, O., September, 18%. He was educated at Hamilton College, New York, and came to St. Louis in the late fifties. He was admitted to the bar and practiced law for several

In 1855 he was married to Miss Mary Perry of Canton, N. Y., who If still living with her daughter. He engaged actively in literary work and was editor of onof the early papers of the city.

in the early eightles he was stricken with the malady that made him an invalid to the day of his death. He lived for years with his family, but for the las few years he has been at Alexian Brothers' Hospital, where his death occurred. His wife and four children survive him The children are: Cook Alexander, Karl Alexander of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Rufas A. Lewis of No. 434 Laciede avenue. John Alexander, a son, died last

## REAL ESTATE AGENTS FIGHT.

Dealings Ends in Encounter.

A dispute arising from business transactions ended in a fight between William S. Drozde, a real estate agent at No. 4127 Chonteau avenue, and R. S. Stoddard, another real estate agent, living at No. 4113 Russell avenue, in the office of the former last night.

In the fight Stoddard sustained a cut on the right cheek about three inches long. but not of a serious nature. He was sent to the City Hospital for treatment. Both men were arrested on charges of

disturbing the peace. Drozda gave bond for his appearance in the Police Court this morning, and Stoddard, owing to his condition, was ordered held at the City Hos

Take Oath They Will Not Remove Patrolmen for Political Opinions.

A. C. Stewart and John W. Fristoe, recently appointed members of the Board of Police Commissioners, took the oath of office yesterday at the Courthouse. John T. Fitminmone. Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, administering the oath. Besides the usual oath taken by all officeholders, the Police Commissioners take an additional oath that they will neither appoint nor discharge any policemen or other person because of his political

# SAYS O. J. GRACE

Representative Declares That He Was Invited to Attend Meeting of Pre-Caucus Bolters.

SAYS MEETING WAS SECRET.

Declares He Knows of Eight Who Attended, but Will Not Divulge Names Because It Would Cause Disturbance.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. L.-Representative Oliver J. Grace has another sensation to spring in the senatorial fight. Though he is coy about telling the details, he says that he was invited to attend an anti-Kerens meeting prior to the senaforfal caucuses, that the purpose was to form a comolnation to bolt Kerens if he secured the nomination.

When asked about the matter, said that he did not care to talk about it. "I will say that I was invited to attend such a meeting." he said, "but I won't tell who asked me."

"Why do you object to giving the man's "Well, he is in politics and it would hurt him. He just simply was mistaken in his man or he would not have asked me. He

thought I was against Mr. Kerens."

"Was it the purpose to bolt Kerens if he were nominated?" was asked. "That was my understanding. It was anti-Kerens. The meeting was held and it was secret. I knew this to be a fact. I know the names of some of the members who attended."

"Why won't you give their names? "I simply can't, that is all. It would do no good. I will say that if were to tell what I know It would make some of these people stand on their beads. But I won't do it. I don't want to be put in the attitude of always telling things. I have a future before met so have those penple who were in the secret meeting. Why should I burt everybody con-

cerned !" "How many were in the meeting?" "There were at least eight that I know of. I don't know whether there were any

others." "Did It have anything to do with the A. of that before, but there is absolutely

nothing in that." "Mr. Grace was asked about the A. P. A. It was in regard to a rumor spread some time ago that fourteen members of this order had entered into a written agreement not to support Kerens, who is

Major Bittinger's name had been used in connection with the story of the alleged anticaucus combination. To-night he denied all knowledge of the affair. "I was not invited to such a meeting,

know nothing about it, and, therefore, cannot tell anything about it." he said. Friends of Niedringhaus deny that such an agreement was ever made. "As one of the strongest opponents of Mr. Kerens," said Representative Newton of Wright County to-night, "I am certain

that I would have heard of such a move-

ment. I think someone must have been joking with Mr. Grace." Charles D. Morris, who is looking after the interests of Mr. Niedringhaus here at the capital, says that if Mr. Grace knows of such a caucust he should give

"The party has a right to know the names of any men who entered into such a combine," he said. Generalities won't do. Let us have the names and find out

## WITH VENEZUELA

Minister Bowen Reported to Have Recommended His Recall and Display of Force to Bring

REPUBLIC SPECTAL

Castro to Terms.

New York. Peb. 2. The World this morning will print the following:

"Washington, Feb. 1.-Dispatches received at the State Department to-dofrom Minister Bowen, at Caracur, indicate that the rupture with Venezuela which President Roosevelt has been trying to stave off until Congress adjourns to lin-

minent. "Mr. Bowen's patience is at last exhausted, and he has recommended that he be recailed and that diplomatic relations with Veneguela he severed. He says that the attitude of the Castro Government remains uncompromising to the last degree and that he can see no encouraging indication of a peacable settlement of the American claims. He advises that force be applied as the only means of bringing President Custro to terms, and that, as the first step, a formidable naval demonstration be at once made at La Gusyra.

"Mr. Bowen's reports were at once sent to the President, and soon afterwards Mr. Roosevelt held a long conference with Secretary Hay, who is ill at his home. What conclusion was reached could not be learned but the importance of the subject was proved by the fact that the President himself caffied the dispatches to Mr.

"Mr Bowen's report expresses the belief that the Powers of Europe are preparing to again sdopt coerdire measures against

he port of Caracas.